

MAYOR AND COUNCIL STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA SUBCOMMITTEE
RIO NUEVO/DOWNTOWN, ARTS, CULTURE AND HISTORY
ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION REPORT AND SUMMARY
February 15, 2007

Council Member Trasoff called the Subcommittee meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. in the Rio Nuevo Community Meeting Room, 52 W. Congress, 2nd Floor, Tucson, Arizona.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Nina Trasoff, Subcommittee Chair, Council Member - Ward 6
Mayor Steve Leal, Council Member - Ward 5

COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT: Council Member Jose Ibarra, Council Member -Ward 1

STAFF MEMBER PRESENT: Greg Shelko, Rio Nuevo Director

GUESTS: Sandy Napombejra, Executive Director, Tucson Children's Museum
Louise Sternberg, Secretary, Tucson Children's Museum Board of Directors

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<p>1. Call to Order</p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m.</p>	
<p>2. Call to the Audience</p> <p>Michael Toney commented on the need for retail in Rio Nuevo, the University of Arizona Science Center, debt service, the dismissal of his court case, the proposed new arena, and the Tucson Children's Museum.</p>	
<p>3. Tucson Children's Museum</p> <p>The Tucson Children's Museum (TCM) submitted an application for matching funds in the amount of \$25,000 from the City/Rio Nuevo to examine organizational growth, program expansion, and, relocation to the west side cultural campus. The Rio Nuevo Citizens Advisory Committee recommended approval of their funding request on February 7th and Rio Nuevo Board Multipurpose Facilities District approved funding on February 14th.</p> <p>Council Leal made a motion to forward the matter to Mayor & Council with the Subcommittee's recommendation for approval. Chair Trasoff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 2 to 0.</p>	<p><u>RIO NUEVO</u></p>

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<p>4. Historic Downtown Street Names</p> <p>Council Member Leal requested that this item be added to the agenda since some of Tucson's rich downtown history has been lost to street name changes over the years.</p> <p>A motion was made Council Member Leal to direct interdepartmental staff to collaborate with TPAC to develop recommendations for the design and location of signage to celebrate historical names, and also, to investigate the design and location of markers describing the history behind those names. Contemporary street names will not change. Preliminary recommendations will be presented at a March Mayor & Council Rio Nuevo/Downtown Arts, Culture and History Subcommittee meeting. Chair Trasoff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 2 to 0.</p>	<p><u>URBAN PLANNING & DESIGN</u></p>
<p>5. Scott Avenue Urban design Concept and Warehouse Arts District</p> <p>Discussion focused solely on the Warehouse Arts District. Council Member Leal desires to establish a fund for the stabilization and preservation of historic buildings in the district as a means of ensuring continued artist occupancy and long term sustainability of the district.</p> <p>The Subcommittee requested a report from staff at a March Subcommittee meeting that details the real estate inventory in the district that is under ADOT and/or City control; the condition of those properties; and, known estimates to stabilize any in danger of structural failure. The Subcommittee was asked to write the Governor regarding recent engineering studies concerning the Steinfeld Warehouse, and more specifically, to communicate to the Governor that termination of artist occupancy is not required for public safety reasons. Staff was requested to evaluate the study.</p>	<p><u>RIO NUEVO & TRANSPORTATION</u></p>
<p>6. Request for Qualifications (RFQ)/Sale of West Side Acreage</p> <p>Staff updated the subcommittee on the project. They will present the RFQ at Mayor & Council Study Session on March 13, 2007. Land use and urban design goals and objectives have been formulated in close collaboration with neighborhood stakeholders. The Subcommittee reiterated its support of community interest in having the modern streetcar better serve the west</p>	<p>RIO NUEVO</p>

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side with continuation of the alignment north of the cultural plaza along the new Avenida del Convento. The Subcommittee requested that staff summarize in outline form: schedules; opportunities for community involvement; developer submission requirements; proposal evaluation criteria; and the contractual means by which the City will ensure quality and performance.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.